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FOR: APPARATUS AND :
MANUFACTURE METHOD FOR
FLAT DISPLAY

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

Please reconsider the Office Action dated December 26, 2002, in view of the
following remarks:

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REMARKS

Claims 7-12 are presently active in this case. In the outstanding Office Action, claims 7-12 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,728,175 to Baron in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,088,071 to Yamamoto et al.

Briefly recapitulating, the present invention provides the following three structural characteristics:

- (i) the auxiliary capacity electrodes and the switching elements are connected via first and second wiring layers;
- (ii) the first and second wiring layers are arranged in up and down directions; and